DUBLIN CASTLE, *May* 29, 1798, *Half paſt Nine, P. M.*

Extract of a Letter from Major General Sir James Duff to Lieutenant General Lake, dated Monaſterevan, May 29th, 1798.

" I MARCHED from *Limerick* on *Sunday* Morning with ſixty Dragoons, " *Dublin* Militia, three Field Pieces, and two Curricle Guns, to open the Com- " munication with *Dublin*, which I judged of the utmoſt Importance to Go- " vernment. By Means of Cars for the Infantry, I reached this Place in forty- " eight Hours. I am now, at ſeven o'Clock this Morning (*Tueſday*), marching " to ſurround the Town of *Kildare*, the Head Quarters of the REBELS, with " ſeven Pieces of Artillery, one hundred and fifty Dragoons, and three hun- " dred and fifty Infantry, determined to make a dreadful Example of the " REBELS. I have left the whole Country behind me perfectly quiet, and " well protected by Means of the Troops and Yeomanry Corps.

" I hope to be able to forward this to you by the Mail Coach, which I will " eſcort to *Naas*. I am ſufficiently ſtrong. You may depend on my Prudence " and Succeſs. My Guns are well manned, and the Troops in high Spirits. " The Cruelties the REBELS have committed on ſome of the Officers and " Men have exaſperated them to a great Degree. Of my future Operations I " will endeavour to inform you."

" *P. S. Two o'Clock, P. M. Kildare.*

" WE found the REBELS retiring from the Town on our Arrival, *armed;* " we followed them with the Dragoons. I ſent on ſome of the Yeomen to tell " them, on laying down their Arms, they ſhould not be hurt. Unfortunately " ſome of them fired on the Troops; from that Moment they were attacked " on all Sides; nothing could ſtop the Rage of the Troops. I believe from " TWO to THREE HUNDRED of the REBELS were killed. We have " three Men killed and ſeveral wounded. I am too much fatigued to " enlarge.

" I have forwarded the Mails to *Dublin*."

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